

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A ~~disposable article~~ feminine hygiene garment comprising:

- A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
- B) a liquid pervious, ~~hydrophilic~~ topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and
- C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a nonuniformly pattern.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 1 wherein the nonuniform pattern is comprised of applying said lotion ~~is applied~~ to the outer surface of the liquid pervious topsheet such that regions of the topsheet's outer surface are not coated with lotion.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 1 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 1% to about 99%.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 3 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 5% to about 95%.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 4 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 10% to about 90%.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 5 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 20% to about 80%.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 6 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 30% to about 70%.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 1 wherein the nonuniform pattern is comprised of applying said lotion ~~is applied~~ to the topsheet in the form of a plurality of stripes that are separated by a plurality of stripes having no lotion.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 1 wherein the lotion comprises a petroleum based emollient selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, petrolatum, and mixtures thereof

Claim 10. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 9 wherein said emollient is petrolatum.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 9 wherein said emollient is mineral oil.

Claims 12. (currently amended) The feminine hygiene garment ~~disposable article~~ of Claim 9 wherein said lotion coating comprises an immobilizing agent, said immobilizing agent having a melting point of at least about 40°C.

Claims 13-27. (canceled)

Claim 28 (new) A feminine hygiene garment comprising:

A) a liquid impervious backsheet;

B) a liquid pervious topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and

C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a nonuniformly pattern; said non-uniform pattern is selected from the group consisting of stripes, droplets, dots or mixtures thereof.

Claim 29 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 28 wherein the nonuniform pattern is comprised of applying said lotion to the topsheet in the form of a plurality of stripes that are separated by a plurality of stripes having no lotion.

Claim 30 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 28 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises different amounts of said lotion at different locations of said topsheet.

Claim 31 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 28 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises macroscopic regions where no lotion is applied.

Claim 32 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 28 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises microscopic regions where no lotion is applied.

Claim 33 (new) A feminine hygiene garment comprising:

- A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
- B) a liquid pervious topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and
- C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet; wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a nonuniformly pattern comprising printed droplets.

Claim 34 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 33 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises macroscopic regions where no lotion is applied.

Claim 35 (new) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 33 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises microscopic regions where no lotion is applied.